

BAPTISTS DON'T LIKE PLAN TO MERGE PAPERS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 17.—The five year program adopted last night calling for 1,000,000 new members by Baptists, a \$2,000,000 endowment for retired pastors and missionaries, \$5,000,000 for educational work and \$5,000,000 for American missionaries has made marked progress during the last few months, according to reports submitted to the Northern Baptist convention today by the general committee in charge of the program.

Applause greeted the reading of the reports, which showed 196,791 accessions by baptism to the church, "an increase of 21,703 or twenty-five per cent over the previous year."

"It must be borne in mind," the report continued, "that the greater part of year for which these statistics are compiled had passed before the adoption of the five year program."

It was decided to postpone until tomorrow the report of the efficiency committee on the proposal to merge the missionary activities of the American Baptist publication society and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the two major societies of the church. The work of the two bodies is said to overlap to such an extent that a large sum of money is wasted each year.

The publication society for many years have objected to the proposed amalgamation. At an open caucus, called to obtain information which might simplify the convention's action on the question, which is considered one of the most important to be acted on, it was declared that where the merger effected, those who have contributed to the publication's missionary funds could obtain an injunction restraining the carrying out of the amalgamation.

Judge C. T. Lewis, of Toledo, Ohio, member of the committee declared officers of the publication society had threatened to sue to obtain an injunction if the convention forced an amalgamation. He read a letter containing such a threat, but withheld the writer's name.

PENROSE WINS PENNSYLVANIA NOMINATIONS

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the national convention in St. Louis and a national committee. More than nine hundred delegates are expected. A special train tomorrow will bring the Denver and northern Colorado delegations. The four districts will select their delegates here.

Party leaders say the four delegates at large probably will be J. A. Thacher and Gerald Hughes of Denver, Alva B. Adams, Pueblo and Henry F. Avery, Colorado Springs. No opposition has developed to the re-election of John T. Barnett as national committeeman.

DEMOCRATS ENDORSE WILSON

LANSING, Mich., May 17.—Michigan democrats, at a state convention here today endorsed the administration of President Wilson and Governor Ferris, and named the delegates to the national convention pledged to vote for the re-nomination of the president.

COL. FISHER DEAD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
BUCYRUS, Ohio, May 17.—Colonel Cyrus W. Fisher, aged 81, at one time superintendent of the mountain division of the Union Pacific, later general superintendent of the Denver & South Park, and finally general man-

ENDING OF WAR WILL WITNESS HIGHER PRICE ON HUMAN LIFE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

INDIANAPOLIS, May 17.—The forty-third annual session of the national conference on charities and correction closed here tonight after seven days of sectional meetings and general sessions.

Tonight's general session was devoted to the subject of health. The speakers were Dr. J. R. Eastman of Indianapolis; Dr. Eugene L. Fisk of New York; L. J. Rettger of Terre Haute Ind., and the newly elected president, Frederick Almy of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Almy said he believed that good will come, "though at frightful cost, out of the European war."

"After the waste of this war, human life will be too valuable to be sacrificed as it has been," he declared. "It

has always been my belief that our

present unnecessary poverty is nothing less than a reproach to religion, and thanks in part to the religious tolerance which this conference illustrates, and the social knowledge which this conference inspires and educates, the level of life will rise."

The resolutions committee recommended that the resolution of Miss Kate Davis of Cleveland, placing the conference on record as favoring the Owens-Kesting child labor bill now in congress, be not adopted. The delegates approved the resolution but it is not regarded as customary for the conference to "adopt" resolutions on questions of public policy.

William T. Cross of Chicago was re-elected general secretary and treasurer.

FORD'S PEACE EXPEDITION IS REORGANIZED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

STOCKHOLM, May 17.—(Via London).—What once was the Ford peace expedition today was reorganized formally as the neutral conference for continuous mediation, with two delegates from six neutral countries—the United States, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Although still generously supported by Henry Ford, a manifesto issued today says the conference must not be confused with the original party. Only the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked of the original party that sailed from the United States now is a delegate, but Louis P. Lochner still is the general secretary.

Miss Emily Greene Balch of Wellesley college now is the second American delegate. The delegates from the other neutral countries were chosen by the votes of various peace organizations and are quite prominent.

With the new organization, new ideas and a more permanent basis for work, the conference hopes to offset the earlier trials and tribulations of the Ford peace expedition, and through publicity propaganda keep the peace issue alive in Europe, with the ultimate hope that neutral nations will act in concert in offering peace.

A statement, reviewing the work accomplished up to this time, says:

"The representatives of the peace mission in the presenting of an appeal to the neutral nations to act as mediators, graciously by the minister of all the neutral nations in Stockholm except the American minister, who said he had instructions from his government not to recognize the neutral conferences."

"That this was humiliating to American members of the American conference need hardly be emphasized," says the statement.

Commenting on the recent appeal sent to the belligerent nations suggesting a basis for possible peace discussions, the statement says it was widely published and commented on in belligerent countries. Steps now are under way for the sending of a personal delegation to the vatican.

The Swedish crisis has passed, and the attempt to force a situation which would plunge the country into war has failed. Sweden will remain firmly and impartially neutral. The government feels no alarm concerning Russia's activities in fortifying the Aland Islands lying off the east coast of Sweden between the Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic sea.

Reassuring statements to this effect were made tonight in both chambers of the riksdag. The announcement by Foreign Minister Wollenberg of the government's position was followed by statements from the leaders of the social, liberal and conservative parties, in which confidence in the government and satisfaction over its course were expressed.

This evidence of a complete agreement between the contending political factions in the riksdag with the government and the king means that Sweden today is more united against entering the war than at any time since the world hostilities began.

The agreement which came as a surprise to the Swedish people today was the cause of an intense feeling of relief.

The position of the government in 1898, referred to by the foreign minister, was that the Swedish fleet would be threatened by any permanent fortification of the Aland islands, which virtually dominate the Baltic entrance to Stockholm, but was willing to accept solemn assurances from Russia, supplemented by assurances from France and Great Britain, that no permanent fortification in the archipelago was intended. It is believed that Sweden in the past ten days has received new assurances in this respect, Russia declaring that her only intention in the Aland islands is to defend them against possible capture by the Germans.

stripped of power through fear of using power unjustly, but rich in power and richer still in the determination that this power shall be used alone as a means to the attainment of great and noble ends."

LIQUOR IS CONFISCATED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 17.—Over \$300,000 worth of whiskey, beer and gin was seized by representatives of the state attorney general's office today in raids on thirty places in Girard, Alabama, according to information received here tonight. The farm of T. H. Dennis, member of the Alabama legislature which passed the present prohibition law was raided and liquor worth \$75,000 was found, the officer said.

SAY GIRL MURDERED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, May 17.—A coroner's inquest over the body of 9-year-old Alice Empey, who disappeared a month ago while on her way to Sunday school, returned a verdict today that the girl had been taken from the county highway by "an unidentified assassin with extreme criminal intent." The verdict says further that the girl's death was caused by "an unidentified person by criminal means." Dr. J. O. Mellor, county physician, testified that the body had been mutilated with a knife.

WILLIAMS IS ASSAILED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 17.—The Oklahoma Bankers' Association in session here today adopted a memorial to congress in which John Skelton Skelton Williams, controller of the treasury, is assailed for having published in the comptroller's report, "A purported speech" made by former County Judge McNabb of Stillwater, in which Judge McNabb attacked the alleged avaricious interest practice on the part of Oklahoma bankers. "McNabb's purported speech is a falsehood and slander upon Oklahoma at large," stated the memorial in part.

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INJURIES ARE FATAL

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PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Miss Gertrude Tower, daughter of Charles Tower, former American ambassador to Germany, who was injured in an automobile accident at Fairmont Apr. 16 last Saturday night, died as a result of her injuries in a hospital here tonight. Thomas H. Dougherty, Jr., who also was injured in a critical condition. He suffered concussion of the brain.

AUSTRIANS STILL ON OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALIANS

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confirm the Turkish report. The British statement says:

"A delayed telegram received from Vice Admiral De Robeck, states that on the night of May 12-14 one of our small monitors, the M-30, commanded by Lieutenant Commander E. L. B. Lockyer was struck by the enemy's artillery and taking fire, was subsequently destroyed. Two men were killed and two wounded."

"This information appeared in the Turkish communication yesterday and was officially denied as other messages had been received from the vice admiral two days after the occurrence. As a result of further inquiry, it was found that a message reporting the loss had miscarried."

Interest in the war operations has shifted suddenly to the Italian front where the Austrians have begun to attack along the whole line, but particularly in southern Tyrol against the Italian troops threatening Trent. Here the Italian troops occupied positions just over the Austrian border from the Adige Valley, south of Rovereto, to the Astico Valley. The Austrian attacks cover a front of twenty-three miles.

The Italians admit their retirement from this front, and the latest official Austrian account claims continued gains. The character of several enemy positions and the penetration of the Terragnola sector, the driving of the Italians from Moschere and the storming of Zegnartia during the night.

The total Austrian captures number more than 6,000 prisoners and many guns.

American Aviators Active

PARIS, May 17.—The American aviators who have been in the service of the French army for the past year and who recently were brought together to form a flotilla under the name of the Franco-American Flying corps, took part in an expedition over the German lines today for the first time as a separate unit. They sustained particularly heavy shelling as they crossed the frontier.

The machine piloted by Lieutenant William K. Thaw of Pittsburgh, lost part of its tail piece and the propeller was damaged by a shell, but Lieutenant Thaw brought it back to camp safely.

Corporal J. M. McConnell of Carthage, N. C., was flying at a height of 12,000 feet, but German shells burst all around him, showing that the range of the German anti-aircraft guns has been lengthened.

The flotilla started at daybreak and spent nearly two hours reconnoitering under sustained fire, but encountered no German machines and no one was wounded. Sergeant Elliott Cowdin of New York, Corporal Kiffen Rockwell of Atlanta, Sergeant Norman

AMERICANS ARE OVERCOMING THE ANTI-PATHY OF MEXICANS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

DOUGLAS, May 17.—That Americans, if given sufficient time, will overcome any antipathy existing toward them as a nation by mere force of dollars is the opinion expressed by an American mining man arriving here today. The statement was made in connection with a discussion of the payment of the laborers at El Tigre in American gold and of Nacozari and Cananea with Mexican silver pesos.

The workmen are apparently delighted with conditions which allow them to get real money, after a long siege of flat currency, and anxious that it shall continue, the American stated, even though there is a disturbing element in some of the camps.

The authorities everywhere are suppressing this element whenever it shows itself he said. Men are coming from Sinola and Tepic looking

for employment, drawn by reports that gold and silver are being paid.

From the same source it was learned that approximately three thousand defect Mexican troops are camped in Fronteras and Chichula, on the Nacozari railroad, while approximately the same number are stationed in towns along the Babise river, near the Chihuahua boundary.

Within the last few days, he said, the commanding officers have issued orders that no soldiers may leave the camp bearing arms, except by specific command or when they are going a great distance on military business. With this order came a decided change in the attitude of the soldiers who are far more respectful to foreigners than previously.

The morale effect of the continued success of the American expeditionary force in Mexico is apparently good.

Prince of Boston, and Sergeant Hall of Galveston also took part in the expedition.

Three more Franco-American flotillas are to be organized from the forty additional American volunteers now in training.

German Mine Sinks German Boat
COPENHAGEN, (Via London) May 18.—A German torpedo boat has been sunk by a German mine off Flusterbo, Sweden, according to the Berlingskebladet. All but one man of the crew were saved.

Dutch Steamer Sunk

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Sinking of the Dutch steamer Batavier V was reported in state department dispatches today from Consul General Skinner at London. The captain and 24 of the crew were landed at Great Yarmouth. Seven passengers, including two Americans, three Dutch and two Russians, also were saved. Three Dutch sailors and one American passenger were reported drowned. The consul said first reports indicated the vessel was sunk by a mine.

Are Asking for Food

GENEVA, (Via Paris) May 17.—German soldiers along the Swiss-Alsatian frontier, chiefly elderly men of the Landsturm have begun to ask food from the Swiss soldiers. The Germans say they have not eaten meat for weeks.

Five German soldiers in uniform, although fired upon, escaped across the Swiss frontier at Rodersdorf, near Basel, yesterday. They were interned at Berne.

The Nume Stuttgarter Zeitung says the fool situation in Rhine towns is becoming intolerable. The newspaper advises the government to take drastic measures to change the mode of living of the people. It suggests that cooking in private families be prohibited and that the population be ordered to eat in common at restaurants where meat would be served once daily, at noon and only vegetables in the evening.

Eighteen German cattle dealers arrived in Basel yesterday hoping to buy cattle which are becoming scarce.

Switzerland Makes Statement

BERLIN, May 17 (By Wireless to

Tuckerton)—Political and economic measures taken by Switzerland since the war began were made public in the third report just issued by the Swiss federal council, says a dispatch from Berne to the Overseas News Agency which summarizes the report as follows:

"Swiss neutrality was violated several times by frontier incidents but these, with the exception of several aeroplane attacks were of no importance."

"Regarding the mail and telegraphic censorship France and Great Britain acted contrary to international law on the freedom of transit and in so doing caused heavy damage to neutrals."

"The federal council stated that up to the end of March, 1916, fifty trains with seriously wounded soldiers were transported through Switzerland. These trains carried 1,166 French soldiers and 2,201 Germans. The number of exchanged soldiers and civilians amounted to 111,439. This total included 97,753 French and 10,581 Germans."

Teachers Are Praised

PARIS, May 17.—The courage of the school teachers who remain in the town of Rheims, which is constantly under bombardment by the Germans, and especially of those who are continuing their duties in underground class rooms in the champagne cellars has been brought to the attention of the government and the people by a civil citation which has just been issued. The citation says:

"They have given proof of the greatest devotion in assuring, under conditions often dangerous, the educational service in this city, which is unceasingly bombarded, thus offering to all a fine example of civic courage. They are sheltering from the dangers of the streets more than 13,000 children and offering them the possibility of continuing their studies."

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